

A. Do you know the meaning of the following acronyms (and jargon)?

MEDEVAC	Medical Evacuation
LZ	Landing Zone
SOI	Signal Operation Instruction
EPW	Enemy Prisoner of War
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
klicks	kilometers

B. Make two-word expressions by combining words from the two boxes: A and B. Then match each expression with the appropriate definition. Use each word once.

Box A

pickup – extraction – armed – brevity – medical

Box B

equipment – condition – escort – site – codes

1. Procedure words used by various military forces designed to convey complex information with a few words.

Brevity codes

2. Specific location where a casualty is collected by a MEDEVAC team.

Pickup site

3. Gear needed to remove casualties from the place where they were wounded.

Extraction equipment

4. A defective state of health.

Medical condition

5. One or more warships or planes used to defend or protect other craft from enemy attack.

Armed escort

C. Fill in the gaps in the sentences below by combining a word from column A with a word from column B. Use each word once.

Column A

enemy
severe
surgical
blood
tactical

Column B

loss
assessment
wounds
unit
fire

1. Before the landing, air strikes were used to break down resistance so that the Allies landing on those beaches would be less of a target for **enemy fire**.

2. A blood substitute can be used in the treatment of people who have suffered massive **blood loss**, severe burns or an open fracture.

3. We need a clear strategic and **tactical assessment** of the situation here.

4. One had been killed instantly in the first assaults of the war, the other had succumbed to **severe wounds** by shrapnel.

5. Although the facility provides general health care services for a population of 70,000, it lacks a **surgical unit**.

D. Collocations: match the verbs on the left with their objects on the right.

To request	•	•	A medical evacuation
To transmit	•	•	A MEDEVAC request
To dispatch	•	•	An air ambulance
To clear	•	•	the dedicated frequency
To pick up	•	•	A casualty
To encrypt	•	•	a brevity code
To mark	•	•	a pickup site

E. Listen and find the common element to all the words in the same line.

1. breathe bleed lethal heartbeat treatment
In line 1 the underlined segments have the same sound.

2. breath deaf onset healthy bled
In line 2 the underlined segments have the same sound.

3. symptom limb knee numb thumb
In line 3, all the words have a silent letter (underlined).

4a. site cite sight 4b. core corps
Words in 4a, as well as words in 4b are homophones (same pronunciation, different spellings). Pay special attention to the pronunciation of the word "corps" (as in "medical corps", for example) which differs from "corpse" (=cadaver). In "corps", the "p" and "s" are silent, whereas they are voiced in "corpse".

5. colonel lieutenant sergeant
In line 5, the words strongly resemble French words but differ a lot from French in terms of pronunciation. The word lieutenant is also pronounced differently depending on whether it is British or American English.

Check all pronunciations of the words above on the online pronunciation dictionary [howjsay](#) (the link is available on the blog).

F. Tick the box corresponding to the correct category.

	Medical equipment	Signalling method
Panels		✓
A backboard	✓	
A flashlight		✓
A C-collar	✓	
A ventilator	✓	
Vehicle lights		✓
A litter	✓	
Open flame		✓
An O2 bottle	✓	

A backboard: a rigid spinal board to immobilize a patient with back injuries.

A C-collar (cervical collar) = a neck brace